State of Utah Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice

Office of Crime Victim Reparations



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Anywhere... Anytime... Anyone...

can become a victim of violent crime. During the past 18 years the Utah Office of Crime Victim Reparations has reached out to thousands of victims who have suffered financial loss, physical injuries and emotional trauma as a result of violent crime. The assistance provided by this program helps victims recover and rebuild their lives. One hundred two million dollars have been awarded through compensation and victim assistance since the program's inception. No tax dollars are used to fund the compensation and victim assistance programs. These programs are funded through state and federal surcharges on fines, penalties and forfeitures.

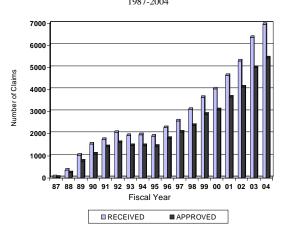
Crime Victim Compensation Program

Purpose: To compensate victims of violent crime who have suffered physical and psychological injury as well as families and dependents of deceased victims.

Source of Funding: Surcharge on fines.

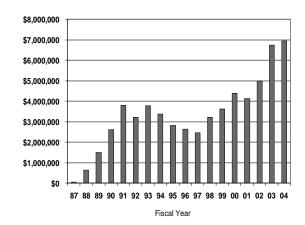
Range of Awards: Awards can be made up to a maximum of \$25,000. However, reparations may be awarded up to \$50,000 for actual medical expenses incurred as a result of homicide, attempted homicide, aggravated assault, or DUI offenses.

Victim Claim Activity



The Office of Crime Victim Reparations provides financial compensation for victims of crime, administers and monitors Victim of Crime Act Compensation and Assistance grants and Violence Against Women grants, networks victim services across the state, provides enhanced training, and provides staff support to the Utah Council on Victims of Crime.

Victim Benefits Awarded



FY 2004 VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Victim of Crime Act Assistance Grants

Purpose: VOCA grants provide funding that enables the state, local governments and private nonprofit organizations to enhance and expand services to crime victims, promoting development of comprehensive services to crime victims throughout the state.

Source of Funding: Surcharge on Federal Fines.

Range of Awards: \$8,847 to \$113,932

Statistics: 62 VOCA funded agencies across the state provided services to a total of 50,785 crime victims. Of that number 34,534 were primary victims who were harmed by a chargeable crime and 16,251 were secondary victims such as the spouse, children, parents or siblings of the primary victim.

Total Federal Dollars Received
January 1986 - June 2004

VOCA Grants 29,141,900

VOCA Indian Country Grants 120,500

VAWA Grants 12,000,364

OVC Discretionary (UVAA) 135,000
41,397,764

STOP Violence Against Women Act Grants

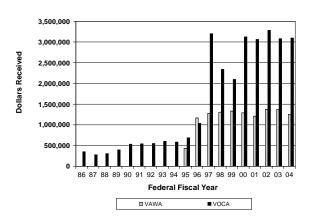
Purpose: VAWA grants encourage the development and implementation of effective law enforcement and prosecution strategies to combat violent crimes against women and the development and enhancement of victim services in cases involving crimes against women.

Source of Funding: Federal General Funds **Range of Awards:** \$5,000 to \$83,816

Statistics: There are 43 VAWA funded agencies across the

state.

VOCA/VAWA Federal Grants



FY 04 VOCA AND/OR VAWA FUNDED AGENCIES

Nonprofit

Canyon Creek Women's Crisis Center CAPSA

Center for Women & Children in Crisis Centro de la Familia de Utah

Child & Family Support Center

Cornerstone Counseling

Davis Co Children's Justice Center

Dove Center

Family Institute of Northern Utah

Family Support Center Family Connection Center Holy Cross Ministries Legal Aid Society

Multi Cultural Legal Center New Horizons Crisis Center

Peace House

Rape Recovery Center

Safe Harbor

Salt Lake Co Children's Justice Center

Salt Lake SANE Seekhaven

Sego Lily Center for the Abused South Valley Sanctuary

UCASA

Utah Co Children's Justice Center

Utah Legal Services

Washington Co Children's Justice Center Your Community Connection Your Community in Unity YWCA of Salt Lake

Prosecution

Cache Co Attorney's Office
Davis Co Attorney's Office
Duchesne Co Attorney's Office
Grand Co Attorney's Office
Iron Co Attorney's Office
Iron Co Attorney's Office
Layton City Attorney's Office
Ogden City Prosecutor's Office
Payson City Attorney's Office
Salt Lake City Attorney's Office
Salt Lake Co Dist Atty's Counseling Unit
Springville City Prosecutor's Office
Utah Co Attorney's Office
Wasatch Co Attorney's Office
Weber Co Attorney's Office
West Valley City Attorney's Office

Law Enforcement

Beaver County Sheriff's Office Cache Co Sheriff's Office Carbon County Sheriff's Office Draper City Police Department

Helper Police Department Midvale City Police Department Murray City Police Department Orem Dept of Public Safety Pleasant Grove/Lindon Police Dept Provo City Police Department Salt Lake City Police Department Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office San Juan County Sheriff's Office Sandy City Police Department South Jordan Police Department South Salt Lake Police Department St George Police Department Tooele City Police Department Utah County Sheriff's Office Vernal City Police Department Weber County Sheriff's Office West Jordan Dept of Public Safety

Governmental

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Salt Lake City Justice Court University of Utah Utah Attorney General's Office Utah Department of Health Utah State Courts

OTHER VICTIM SERVICES GRANTS

3/21/01	Victim Advocate Law Enforcement/Prosecutors	250,000	One Year Extended to 9/30/2004
3/21/01	Victim Rights Committees	24,000	One Year Extended to 9/30/2004
6/27/01	Dept of Corrections Victim Notification (V.I.N.E.)	64,500	One Time StartUp
8/22/01	Sexual Assault Nurse Training & Start Up #1	13,193	One Time Expense
11/28/01	Sexual Assault NurseTraining & Start Up #2	18,903	Progam StartUp Costs
3/20/02	Utah Victim Academy (UVAA)	15,875	One Year FY03
3/20/02	Utah Victim Academy (UVAA)	35,000	One Year FY04
7/17/2002	Sexual Assault Nurses (SANE)	46,000	One Time Expense
7/17/2002	Rape Recovery Center	50,000	One Time Expense
9/18/2002	State Domestic Violence Coordinator	75,000	FY 03 \$37,500, FY 04 \$37,500
9/18/2002	Utah Council on Victims of Crime	5,000	Annual Conference Speakers
2/19/03	Sexual Assault Nurse Training	3,690	One Time Expense
4/23/03	Utah Victim Academy (UVAA)	1,500	One Time Expense
4/23/03	Statewide Victim Notification System (V.I.N.E.)	760,755	StartUp Costs
8/20/03	State Domestic Violence Coordinator	16,732	Additional \$8,366 FY03 and FY04
11/19/03	Sexual Assault Nurse Training	4,375	One Time Expense
11/19/03	Sexual Assault Nurse Training Scholarships	5,000	One Time Expense
11/19/03	Dept of Corrections V.I.N.E. Program	25,000	To fund the Original Corrections
12/12/03	Rape Recovery Center	47,000	Victim Advocate Position
2/18/04	Utah Victim Academy (UVAA)	59,000	FY05 Victim Academy
6/30/04	Salt Lake County Childrens Justice Center	63,651	One Time Expense
6/30/04	Utah Coalition Against Sexual Assault (UCASA)	20,000	Start-up Statewide Coordinator
6/30/04	Statewide Victim Notification System (V.I.N.E.)	390,000	Service Fees Includes Corrections
	Total Awarded to Date	\$1,994,174	

Compensation Benefits Awarded FY 2004

Audit	652.00
Dental	324,131.10
Economic Loss	3,084.38
Essential Personal Property	70,699.58
Funeral and Burial	201,445.95
Funeral Travel	17,584.60
Independent Medical	28,835.00
Inpatient Counseling	53,745.23
Insurance Premiums/Spenddowr	as 3,601.39
Loss of Support	24,697.10
Loss of Wages	392,532.49
Medical	2,804,811.89
Medically Necessary Devices	37,708.51
Mental Health	1,269,943.89
Rehabilitation Costs	13,839.95
Relocation	442,367.23
Rent	467,843.01
Replacement Services	27,189.73
Residental/Day Treatment	26,639.27
Sexual Assault Examinations	669,981.84
Travel and Mileage	65,852.54

\$6,947,186.68

TOTAL

DID YOU KNOW.....

- The first compensation program in the United States was created in 1965 in California.
- Utah was the 43rd state to develop a compensation program in 1986.
- All 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands now have compensation programs.
- Last year, on the national level, compensation programs received 225,000 claims and awarded \$434 million dollars.
- Utah's compensation program has one of the fastest turnaround times in the nation in determining claims.
- Utah has one of the highest payouts in the nation for its population size.
- CVR was the first compensation program to provide rent assistance to victims of domestic violence and child abuse.
- Utah was one of the first states to contract for the evaluation of inpatient mental health care to provide cost effective treatment.
- A seven member Crime Victim Reparations Board sets policy and procedure for the CVR office.
- Crime Victim Reparations has a Fast Track Forensic Sexual Assault Examination Program to cover examination costs when no other resources are available.
- CVR can award other victim services grants when there is a sufficient reserve to cover compensation costs.
 In the past two years \$1,994,174 has been awarded.
- The Utah Victim Assistance Academy, a comprehensive skill-based training for professionals working with victims of crime, has now held four annual 40-hour trainings and effectively trained 236 individuals working and voluntering in the field.

- The CVR office helps sponsor and plan the annual Crime Victims' Rights Conference.
- Crime Victim Reparations organizes and conducts four victim assistance training and networking workshops per year.
- The compensation program provides outreach to victims, allied agencies and organizations to publicize the CVR program.
- Assaults and aggravated assaults, child physical and sexual abuse, and domestic violence were the top three crime categories on compensation claims filed.
- 25% of the compensation claims are for victims under 18 years of age.
- 72% of compensation claims were filed on behalf of female victims.
- Crime Victim Reparations annually supports over 100 governmental and nonprofit agencies in their efforts to serve crime victims.

- CVR provides annual Victim of Crime Act(VOCA) and STOP Violence Against Women (VAWA) grant training sessions in both northern and southern Utah.
- Crime Victim Reparations provides staff to support the Utah Council on Victims of Crime in its efforts to initiate crime victim related legislation and training.
- Twelve domestic violence shelters statewide receive VOCA and VAWA grant funds to provide services to domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking victims.
- CVR grant funds were used to develop 45 victim advocacy programs housed within police departments, sheriff's offices, and city and county attorney's offices throughout the state as well as state criminal justice agencies. Forty of the programs continue to receive VOCA and/or VAWA funds.
- CVR provided startup funding and yearly service costs for the statewide Victim Information Notification Everyday (V.I.N.E.) program.

How Utah Compares to Other State Programs

Dan Eddy, National Association of Crime Victim Compensation Boards, reports that comparatively Utah's compensation program is one of the most successful in the nation. In a recent letter to Crime Victim Reparations, Mr. Eddy noted several items of interest regarding the compensation program:

- Utah provides assistance to far more crime victims than other states of similar size and more than many states much larger.
- Utah is paying claims extremely efficiently in comparison to other states.
- Utah's administrative costs of less than 10% are among the lowest in the country.
- Utah's program offers a variety of benefits not available in most other states such as rent and relocation for domestic violence victims and crime-scene cleanup.

Mr. Eddy attributes the success of the Utah program to excellent efforts in outreach and training as well as hard work by staff to provide needed financial assistance to crime victims.